

*JESUS TEACHES ABOUT SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT*

LESSON SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 7:1-6, 15-23

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Key Verse: “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.” *Matthew 7:1*

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1 “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.

2 For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.

3 Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?

4 Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye?

5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

6 Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.”

**Matthew 7:15-23**

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

16 You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?

17 In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 Thus you will know them by their fruits.

21 Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’

23 Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’”